**Notice of Meeting and Agenda for the Meeting of February 14, 2018 of the Tufts University Faculty Senate**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Tufts University Faculty Senate will be held on February 14, 2018 at 8 a.m. Rachel’s s Amphitheater, 1 Kneeland Street on the Boston Campus, with teleconferencing connections from the Murrow Room, Cabot Center, on the Medford Campus and the Dean’s Conference Room on the Grafton Campus.

The items to be considered at the meeting are as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of January 10, 2018.
2. Reports of Senate Standing Committees
3. Revised Senate Attendance Policy proposal:

The Executive Committee of the Senate, having reviewed and revised the proposed Senate attendance policy considered at the Senate meeting January 10, 2018, recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

**Revised Resolution on Attendance at Faculty Senate Meetings**

Whereas the effective functioning of the Tufts University Faculty Senate and the meaningful participation and representation of the faculty in university governance requires the active attendance of all Senate members in every meeting of the Senate, and

While recognizing the many other important academic and professional demands on the time and efforts of all Senate members,

The Tufts University Faculty Senate adopts the following resolution:

**Resolved**: All Senate members elected by Schools have an obligation to attend all regularly scheduled Senate meetings. Senate members who are unable to attend a meeting shall inform the Secretary of the Senate of that fact as soon as it is known with an explanation for their inability to attend. In cases in which a Senate member is unable to attend a regularly scheduled Senate meeting, a proxy, delegate or agent of that member shall not be permitted to attend in that member’s stead. If a Senate member is unable to attend two regularly scheduled meetings in any academic year, the Executive Committee shall consider the matter, taking into account the member’s overall contributions to the Faculty Senate and stated reasons for being absent.  The Executive Committee, after consulting with the Senate member, may decide to pursue appropriate action according to Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Faculty Senate Bylaws by communicating its views to the designated liaison to the Senate of the School represented by Senate member in question. This Resolution on Senate attendance obligations shall take effect as of the beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year.

1. Research & Scholarship Strategic Plan: Presentation by Vice Provost for Research, Simin Meydani.
2. Other business.